SJIIS Weekly Update

11th October 2024

Important Dates:

14-18 Oct - Half Term break 31 Oct -Deepavali (public holiday) 1 Nov - School holiday

Upcoming Events:

23 Oct - Safeguarding Parent
Info Session
23 Oct - Catholic Mass
25 Oct - Deepavali Gala
25 & 26 Oct - ES Language
PTCs (in school)
26 Oct - ES Class teacher
PTCs (in school)
26 Oct - HS PTC
9 Nov - Family Festival

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This Week's Highlight at SJIIS International Day

It has been yet another unforgettable International Week this year with all-new countries to explore and endless fun! We ended the week with a parade where everyone was dressed to the nines representing their home country or country of study. From football to Jollof rice and surprise performances, our entire community came together to create an amazingly festive atmosphere in the foyer. We thank everyone for all the hard work that has gone into making this another amazing International Week at SJIIS! We can't wait for International Week 2025!



Catholic and Christian Community

We've had a wonderful start to the school year! Our students have truly come together, and we've enjoyed learning about the story of God's creation and exploring the various ways we can communicate with Him. This week, our older students embraced the virtue of service by creating eye-catching, colourful tote bags, which will be available for purchase during SJIIS Family Day. Wishing everyone a peaceful half-term break.

Save the dates:

Rosary circle: Every Friday during October at 8:15am in the chapel.
School Mass: October 23rd at 12:30pm for year 3 and above.
The Mass sign up is <u>HERE.</u>







Parent Virtues Pick

On Wednesday, we had the pleasure of welcoming parents to our inaugural Parent Virtues Pick. This event provided a platform for meaningful discussions about the moral challenges we face as parents. It was our first step toward establishing routines of reverence, creating moments for silence and reflection. This session reminded us of the importance of creating sacred time within our own homes whether this is walks in a park, reading books before bed or having a Virtues Pick around the dinner table. We look forward to our next Virtues Pick in December and will share a sign-up form after the October break.

Thank you to all the parents who joined today's session. We appreciate your commitment to the Virtues Project and to our wonderful community.

Family Festival 2024

Bring your entire family to the SJIIS Family Festival on Saturday 9 November 2024 - Get your Coupons NOW to enjoy games, food & drinks. For more info visit: <u>http://bit.ly/SJIISFF2024</u>





Student Deepavali Celebration

The SJIIS Parent Volunteers (SPV) will kick off the Deepavali festivities with a vibrant foyer decoration. As part of the school's Deepavali celebration on 25 October 2024, exciting cultural activities will be organized for both ES and HS students, including:

- Putu Mayam making
- · Peacock feather papercraft
- Marigold garland making
- Food tasting (Putu Mayam, Coconut Candy & Murukku)

Students will also have the chance to wear a bindi as part of the celebration. Please note, this event is exclusively for students.

AIMS Primary Swimming Meet (10th Oct 2024)

Congratulations to our Primary Swim Squad for making a huge wave at the AIMS Primary Swim Meet which was held at the IGB International School yesterday. Our team bagged 37 gold, 31 silver and 15 bronze medals. Our Under 9s came in 2nd place, Under 10s came in 1st place and U11s came in 1st place leading our team to become the Overall Champion with a total of 1693 points! They gave their full effort and sprinted hard in their races, competing with swimmers from 6 other schools. We are very proud of their hard work and achievement as they showed great determination, sportsmanship and team spirit throughout. A great appreciation to our coaches for their dedication and hardwork. Thank you parents for your ongoing support.







AI Training for LAs

We are truly grateful to Ms. Catherine Ellis, our High School Assistant Principal (Academic) for her informative and engaging training sessions on Artificial Intelligence. Our Learning Assistants greatly benefited from her expertise, gaining a deeper understanding of Al's potential in education. Ms. Ellis's guidance helped us explore the possibilities and challenges of using Al in the classroom, encouraging thoughtful consideration of its ethical implications.



Parent Teacher Conferences (PTCs) Fri 25th & Saturday 26th October

We are excited to invite to our first PTC of the year. This will be great opportunity for you to learn about A message has been sent to your school email with details about the upcoming parent-teacher conferences. It includes instructions on how to access the Meet the Teacher booking platform, where you can schedule consultations with class teachers, Mandarin teachers, and EAL teachers for after the half-term break. The deadline for booking appointments is Thursday, 24th October at 8:00 AM. If you need any assistance with logging in or booking an appointment, please contact our IT team at for support: helpdesk@sji-international.edu.my

Next week's Reminders

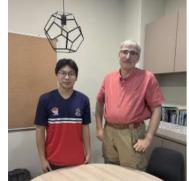
- Mon 14th Fri 18th Half Term Break
- Fri 25th & Sat 26th Oct Parent Teacher Conferences for Languages Mandarin & EAL
- Sat 26th Oct Parent Teacher Conferences EY & ES Class Teachers



Parent Teacher Conferences (Sat, 26th October)

We look forward to welcoming you to our first Parent Teacher Conferences (PTCs) of the year. You are able to book online appointments with High School teachers through the <u>Meet the Teacher website</u>. Instructions are also <u>here</u> and in a more detailed email sent to parents on Tuesday. Bookings will close at 8am on Thursday 24th October.





Update from University and Career Counsellor

The past two weeks have been a whirlwind of activity at the University and Career Counselling Office. We've been diligently preparing our Year 13 students for their upcoming Oxbridge and Law assessments, as well as coaching our aspiring medicine applicants for their medical interviews. Additionally, we've hosted university visits from the University of Central Lancashire and the University of British Columbia. We've also had the opportunity to participate in sessions with the Ireland University of Medical Consortium and a US University roundtable discussion featuring representatives from Brown University and the University of Pennsylvania. Please read here for more information. With the half-term break approaching, several Year 13 students applying to Oxford, Cambridge, Law, and Medicine are finalizing their applications before the 15th October deadline. We extend our best wishes to them as they continue to pursue their academic goals.

For more info please read here.

Staff Lasallian of the week :

Week of 30th Sept to 4th Oct :

Mrs Peh Bee Ling and Mr Phillip Weatherup





Week of 7th to 11th Oct : Y10 Camp teachers

From left to right : Mr, Mr Joshua Tay, Ms Natalie Siew, Mr Joe Taylor and Ms Tan Ai Leen



HS Camp Year 7 to 10

Year 7 Camp - SENTA Adventure Camp

The Year 7 students visited SENTA Adventure Camp in Batu Pahat, Johor for 5 days, 4 nights. We did lots of activities such as; flying fox, high ropes, wall climbing, obstacle course, ready stead cook and many more. It was nice to see students getting out of their comfort zone working with different people, but also problem solving on the go. I definitely feel like it has brought our Year 7 cohort closer together.



Year 8 Camp to Teluk Gorek, Johor

A 7 hour bus trip each way, took 64 students and 7 teachers on an SJIIS camp to remember! The jam-packed itinerary included: sea kayaking, jungle trekking, raft building, survival skills, beach activities, floating in the sea, playing volleyball, football & frisbee and moments of reflection. Thanks to all students and teachers for their commitment to making this experience enjoyable for all, despite the sweaty tent nights and insect friends that came to say hi! Your resilience, compassion, enthusiasm and community awareness helped make this an experience that we will never forget! We are so proud of you!

See here for a video sharing highlights of the trip.

Year 9 Camp to Pulau Pangkor

The Year 9s enjoyed an amazing trip to Pangkor Island last week where they took part in a range of activities that were not only fun, but benefited the community and students' personal development as well. Being located between the beach and the rainforest meant that students got to participate in hiking, snorkelling and kayaking activities, all of which pushed some out of their comfort zone and allowed students to really connect with nature. Seeing all of the plastic waste on the beaches was definitely an eye-opener of the impact we are having on our planet, and the students really became enthused with the two beach clean ups we did, especially knowing that we were clearing the way for turtles laying their eggs. Releasing some baby turtles after this certainly brought home the importance of this conservation work! It was a really magical week, filled with some amazing memories that students will never forget.





Year 10 Camp to Ipoh

Y10's residential began with high spirits as we headed north to Gua Tempurung for a session of wet caving. Students were full of intrepid excitement as they looked out into the pitch darkness of the cave, with only their headlamps to light the way. Fear gave way to courage and determination as they ventured through narrow passages and cold sandy water, finally emerging from the cave tired but satisfied. The next day was spent white water rafting along a 7 km long section of the Kampar River. Students demonstrated incredible teamwork and perseverance as they steered their rafts through foamy rapids at the instruction of experienced guides. Despite getting thoroughly drenched, everyone returned to the base camp ravenous for lunch and ready to spend a fun afternoon at the Dahikmah orphanage. True Lasallian spirit was shown here as students quickly formed new friendships, demonstrating virtues of kindness, enthusiasm, and service as they prepared food, cleaned the library and played games with the children. At the conclusion of the trip, one thing remained clear. Despite the myriad challenges and difficulties faced over camp, it was the enduring character and integrity demonstrated by the students which made the week a sure success.

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Useful Links



ES Student Absence Form HS Student Absence Form



Term 1 HS Parent Events 24/25 HS Parent Calendar 2024/2025 ES Parent Calendar 2024/2025



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SPV Update 2024/2025



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